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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
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SUBJECT: NIS Commendations

1. On 27 May, the National Intelligence Survey Committee approved an annual program of commendations to those persons who have made outstanding contributions to the NIS program. Shortly the implementing NIS Memo will be issued to all contributing offices. The body of this NIS Memo follows:

"1. The NIS Committee considers the 10th Anniversary of the NIS program an appropriate occasion to institute the annual award of NIS commendations to those who have made outstanding contributions to the program.

"2. Each NIS Committee member may nominate by 30 June of each year five persons from his agency for this commendation. The NIS Committee will consider these nominations at its first meeting after 1 July each year and select those who, in the opinion of the Committee, fully merit this distinction.

"3. The annual list of awards will be published in the official proceedings of the Committee and individual letters of commendations, together with engraved certificates, will be presented to the recipients in appropriate ceremony."

2. I am in hearty accord with the objectives of the NIS commendation program. It is important that persons working in a vital interagency program receive the same recognition for outstanding performance that normally is accorded those whose work is performed on more immediate, departmental tasks. This recognition is especially important in the workings of the Intelligence Community, for the strength of U. S. Intelligence resides largely in the ability of its components to work together within a common program toward a common goal. Nowhere is this more true than in the NIS program, whose performance over the past ten years effectively demonstrates the goals that can be attained through interagency effort, goals beyond the attainment of any one agency operating independently. For this reason, I am pleased to see the initiation of this program of NIS commendations and to bring it to your attention for implementation through your NIS Committee Member.

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